

Claim 22, line 1, ~~delete "1"~~ and insert therefor

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Please add new claim 23, as follows.

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--23. Peptide consisting of 7-30 amino acids having the sequence of a part of the amino acid sequence of a microbial protein having a conserved mammalian stress protein homologue, said part comprising a T cell epitope corresponding to a T cell epitope of the mammalian homologue, said part further comprising at least 5 amino acids which are identical with corresponding amino acids in the same relative position in a T cell epitope of said mammalian stress protein, said epitope and said part containing a least 4 consecutive amino acids which are identical with the corresponding mammalian stress protein amino acids and thereby forming said T cell epitope corresponding to a T cell epitope of a mammalian homologue.--

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 17, 18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for purported indefiniteness. Specifically, claim 1 is said to be identical to claim 21 and claim 17 is said to be identical to claim 18. In response, claims 1 and 21 have been canceled and are replaced by new claim 23. Claim 17 is hereby canceled. This rejection is rendered moot by these amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 4 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for purported anticipation by EP 262,710. Specifically, "open" claim 1 is said to embrace the Antigen A